

**COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING**

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Sherry Opacic, Director  
Institute for Leadership Development  
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Dear Ms. Opacic:

I am writing to inform you that on May 1, 2008, the Committee on Accreditation, on behalf of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, assigned the status of **ACCREDITATION WITH TECHNICAL STIPULATIONS** to the Orange County Office of Education and all of its credential programs.

Following are the stipulations:

- That the unit provides documentation of the roles and responsibilities for those in unit leadership.
  - That the unit leadership provides evidence of on-going involvement of stakeholders in the organization, governance and coordination of all credential programs.
  - That the unit provides evidence of a comprehensive unit evaluation system involving program participants, program completers and other stakeholders. The unit evaluation system must provide evidence of how data are analyzed and used for program improvement in both credential programs and the unit.
  - That the Educational Administrative Credential Program provides evidence that all Program Standards are met.
1. On the basis of this decision, the institution is authorized to recommend candidates for the following Credentials:
- Administrative Services Credential  
Preliminary
  - Education Specialist Internship Credentials  
Preliminary Level I  
Mild/Moderate Disabilities

Professional Level II  
Mild/Moderate Disabilities

2. In addition:

- The institution's response to the preconditions is accepted.
- Orange County Department of Education is permitted to propose new credential programs for approval by the Committee on Accreditation.
- Orange County Department of Education will continue in its assigned cohort on the schedule of accreditation activities, subject to the continuation of the present schedule of accreditation activities by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

The stipulations need to be addressed in your 7<sup>th</sup> Year Site Visit Follow-up Report which is due in March 2009. Evidence needs to be submitted to the Commission that documents that the stipulations have been met.

Should you or your staff have any questions relating to this action, you may address them to Teri Clark, Administrator of Accreditation, at (916) 323-5917.

The Commission and its staff are grateful to the Orange County Department of Education for its commitment to the preparation of professional educators.

Sincerely,

Dale A. Janssen  
Executive Director

cc: Bill Habermehl, Superintendent  
Orange County Department of Education

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